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SUBJECT: BRIEFING MEMORANDUM - KIDNAPPED AMCITS IN

TANZANIA - SITREP NO. 7

1. WE ARE STILL AWAITING WORD FROM PRESIDENT MOBUTU ON WHETHER HE WILL APPROVE OUR PROPOSAL THAT FATHER VAGNI, AN ITALIAN PRIEST FROM EASTERN ZAIRE, ATTEMPT TO CONTACT THE KIDNAPPERS. VAGNI HAS AGREED TO WAIT UNTIL GOZ APPROVAL IS FORTHCOMING. WE ARE DEVELOPING A NUMBER OF ALTERNATIVE INTERMEDIARIES IN CASE THE VAGNI MISSION DOES NOT SUCCEED.

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2. PRESS REPORTS FROM DAR HAVE IDENTIFIED PETER STEINER AS THE PARENTS' REPRESENTATIVE AND STATE THAT HE IS TRYING TO MAKE CONTACT WITH THE KIDNAPPERS. AMBASSADOR CARTER PLANS HENCEFORTH TO BRIEF THE PARENTS ONLY IN GENERAL TERMS TO REDUCE THE POSSIBILITY OF FURTHER LEAKS WHICH MIGHT JEOPARDIZE OUR EFFORTS TO GET GOZ APPROVAL.

3. UGANDAN PRESIDENT AMIN HAS WRITTEN TO PRESIDENT NYERERE CLAIMING HE IS IN TOUCH WITH THE PRP, URGING NYERERE TO MEET THEIR DEMANDS, OFFERING TO ASSIST IN THE RELEASE OF BOTH THE PRP PRISONERS AND THE HOSTAGES, AND CONVEYING THE REPORTED PRP INSISTENCE THAT "CIA AGENT" STEINER NOT GET INVOLVED. (STEINER IS NOT A CIA AGENT.)

4. ASSISTANT SECRETARY DAVIS AND OTHER DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS MET WITH STANFORD UNIVERSITY VICE PREUIDENT FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS ROSENZWEIG ON JUNE 2. ROSENZWEIG SAID THAT STANFORD IS THINKING OF BEGINNING TO RAISE A RANSOM FUND. INGERSOLL

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